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SUMMARY: PRC DEL SUMMARIZED FOR US CURRENT INSTRUCTIONS ON WDC SPECIAL COMITE AND MADE CLEAR PRC DEL CONTINUING ACTIVE EFFORTS AGAINST FORMAL CONVENING OF APRIL 26 MTG. IRANIAN PERM REP CONFIRMED TO PHILLIPS THAT HE WLD ACCEPT COMITE CHAIRMANSHIP PROVIDED THAT ALL 31 MEMBERS SUPPORT HIM. YUGO PERM REP MOJSOV, STRESSING INTEREST IN FINDING "FACE- SAVING" SOLUTION, ADVOCATED ELECTION OF BUREAU AND ONE OR TWO MTGS TO PROVIDE BASIS FOR REPORT TO 28 TH GA. END SUMMARY.

1. IN INFORMAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS APRIL 17, PRC MISOFF CHAO WEI TOLD US THAT CHINESE NOW HAVE REC'D FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS ON WDC. CHAO CHARACTERIZED CHINESE POSITION AS FOLLOWS:

( A) WDC SPECIAL COMITE IS ILLEGAL, PRODUCT OF ARBITRARY ACTION BY GA PRES AND ONE THAT GOES AGAINST LETTER AND SPIRIT OF GA RES BY NAMING COMITE WITH INADEQUATE CONSULTATIONS;

( B) PRC IS OPPOSED TO CONVENING MTG OF SPECIAL COMITE;

( C) PRC WILL HAVE NO RELATIONS OF ANY KIND WITH COMITE AND WILL " NOT RECOGNIZE" COMITE.

2. IN COURSE OF COMPARING OUR TWO MISSIONS' ASSESSMENTS OF WDC DEVECOPIENTS, CHAO AGREED THAT BOYCOTT OF COMITE NOT POSSIBLE. HE GAVE AS ONE PRINCIPAL REASON FACT THAT COMITE MEMBERS CONSCIOUS THAT SYG HAD PERSONALLY INVOLVED HIMSELF.

3. IN ADDITION TO CONFIRMING GENERALLY INFO REPORTED REFTEL A, CHAO SAID PRC WILL WORK TO ENSURE THAT WDC MEMBERS FULLY APPRISED OF CURRENT PRC ATTITUDE AND WILL STRIVE TO PREVENT ELECTION OF SPECIAL COMITE BUREAU. CHAO WAS NOT PARTICULARLY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT SUCCESS AND NOTED THAT IF CHRNM AGREES TO SERVE ( WHICH IS LIKELY TO BE FOLLOWED BY ELECTION OF BUREAU), FURTHER SOV MANIPULATION OF COMITE WILL BE DIFFICULT TO STOP.

4. CHAO ALSO COMMENTED BRIEFLY ON POSITIONS OF CERTAIN COMITE MEMBERS. ROMANIANS, HE SAID, ARE " VERY ANGRY" AT SOV HANDLING OF WDC BUT WILL PROBABLY JOIN OTHER EE' S IN SUPPORT.  
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ON HEARING FROM US OF POSITION TAKEN BY SRI LANKA IN ASIAN GROUP MTG ( REFTEL A - PARA 11), CHAO SAID DISINGENUOUSLY THAT SRI LANKA ATTITUDE WILL " PROBABLY CHANGE A LITTLE BUT" AFTER CHINESE APPROACH SL. DESPITE PREVIOUS CHINESE APPROACH TO ZAMBIA, CHAO NOT SANGUINE ABOUT ZAMBIAN POSITION BUT SAID PRC WILL TALK TO ZAMBIANS AGAIN. RE AFRICAN NOMINEES TO SPECIAL COMITE, CHAO EMPHATICALLY SHARES OUR ASSESSMENT THAT AFRICANS IN CONFUSION AND IS NOT OPTIMISTIC ABOUT DISSUADING THEM FROM GOING ALONG WITH SOVS.

5. REFERRING TO REPORT WE HAD REC'D (REFTEL A) THAT HOVEYDA OF IRAN HAD REC'D INSTRUCTIONS TO ACCEPT SPECIAL COMITE CHAIRMANSHIP, CHAO, EXPRESSING SURPRISE, SAID THAT HOVEYDA PREVIOUSLY HAD TOLD PRC PERM REP HUANG THAT IRAN WLD NOT TAKE ACTIVE ROLE IN SPECIAL COMITE.

6. AMB HOVEYDA, LATER APRIL 17, SOUGHT OUT AMB PHILLIPS TO DISCUSS WDC. HOVEYDA SAID USSR PERM REP MALIK HAD PRESSURED HIM TWICE ON CHAIRMANSHIP. HOVEYDA TOLD PHILLIPS THAT HE HAD DEMURRED AT FIRST, CITING OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES AND SCHEDULED TRIP TO SEA. AFTER SECOND MALIK APPROACH, HOVEYDA SAID, HE HAD REPORTED TO TEHRAN. TEHRAN HAD NOW INSTRUCTED HIM, HOVEYDA SAID, TO ACCEPT POSITION OF CHAIRMAN OF WDC SPECIAL COMITE PROVIDED ALL REPEAT ALL 31 MEMBERS ASK HIM TO. IF ONE MEMBER DOES NOT SO REQUEST THEN HE SHLD NOT TAKE CHAIRMANSHIP. HOVEYDA SAID HE HAD INFORMED MALIK.

7. HOVEYDA, SPECULATING ON APRIL 26 MTG, SAID THAT CONSENSUS AMONG 31 MIGHT DEVELOP TO POINT OF PRECLUDING FORMAL SUBSTANTIVE MTG, TURNING SESSION INTO INFORMAL GATHERING WITHOUT SPECIFIC ACTION. HOVEYDA ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO ELECT BUREAU AND THEN AGREE THAT ONLY PRIVATE TALKS WLD ENSUE.

8. PHILLIPS MADE CLEAR THAT WE ARE NOT TAKING INITIATIVES RE WDC COMITE, BUT EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR HOVEYDA'S INFO. PHILLIPS EXPLAINED US POSITION, NOTING REGRET OVER PROSPECT OF NON-PRODUCTIVE CONFRONTATION GROWING OUT OF SOV TACTICS. PHILLIPS, IN LOW KEY, OUTLINED, AS SPECULATION HEARD FROM OTHERS, POSSIBLE SCENARIO SUMMARIZED REFTEL B-PARA 2. HOVEYDA SAID HE PERSONALLY HOPED THAT NO MOTION  
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WLD BE MADE TO ELECT BUREAU. HOWEVER, HOVEYDA'S DEPUTY INTERVENED AT THIS POINT TO SUGGEST THAT IF HOVEYDA ELECTED CHAIRMAN HE CLD EXERT CONTROL OVER COMITE. IN THIS CONNECTION, HOVEYDA SAID HE BELIEVED IT LEGALLY NOT POSSIBLE FOR COMITE MEMBER (GARCIA ROBLES) TO PROPOSE COMITE ADJOURN SINE DIE WITHOUT BUREAU HAVING FIRST BEEN ELECTED. IF COMITE NOT CONSTITUTED, HE SUGGESTED, NO FORMAL DECISION OF ANY KIND CLD BE TAKEN. (COMMENT: WE DO NOT ACCEPT THIS LOGIC ALTHOUGH OTHERS MIGHT.)

9. YUGO AMB MOJSOV DISCUSSED WDC IN ENCOUNTER WITH AMB PHILLIPS DURING SC MTG ON ME. AFTER PHILLIPS EXPLAINED US POSITION, MOJSOV STRESSED UN MEMBERS MUST FIND "FACE-SAVING WAY" TO RESOLVE SPECIAL COMITE PROBLEM. HE SAID SERIOUS PRECEDENT WLD CONFRONT MEMBERSHIP IF SMALL NUMBER OF COUNTRIES WERE PERMITTED TO BLOCK FORMAL CONVENING

OF LEGALLY CONSTITUTED COMITE. THEREFORE, HE SAID,  
FORMAL MTG OF COMITE AND ELECTION OF BUREAU IS DESIRABLE.  
THIS CLD BE FOLLOWED BY ONE OR POSSIBLY TWO SPECIAL COMITE  
MTGS FOR " SOLE PURPOSE" OF PERMITTING ALL MEMBERS TO EXPRESS  
VIEWS, THUS PROVIDING BASIS OF SPECIAL COMITE REPORT TO  
28 TH GA.  
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